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SUBJ: ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS ON JULY 4

1. THE AMBASSADOR RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE WIDELY-HERALDED ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS ON JULY 4 WITH PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT TODAY. THE AMBASSADOR STATED THAT INFORMATION REACHING THE EMBASSY FROM THE THAI AUTHORITIES INDICATED THAT THE DEMONSTRATIONS WERE UNLIKELY TO BE SERIOUS. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE PUBLIC COMMENTS THE PRIME MINISTER HAS MADE ENJOINING THE DEMONSTRATORS TO AVOID ACTS OF VIOLENCE, NOTING THAT ACTIONS AGAINST THE AMERICAN FLAG OR THE GREAT SEAL OF THE UNITED STATES WERE OBVIOUSLY UNACCEPTABLE.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER STATED THAT HE WOULD BE APPEARING ON TELEVISION THIS EVENING AND WOULD REPEAT HIS VIEW THAT THAI CITIZENS ARE ENTITLED TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS IN A PEACEFUL MANNER BUT THAT VANDALISM AND ACTS OF VIOLENCE WOULD BE SEVERELY DEALT WITH. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE AUTHORITIES HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO TRY TO KEEP DEMONSTRATORS AWAY FROM THE AMERICAN

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EMBASSY AND THAT THE DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD PROBABLY

ONLY AMOUNT TO ANTI-AMERICAN SPEECHES IN VARIOUS OPEN
SPACES IN BANGKOK. IF ANY SHOULD COME IN THE VICINITY
OF THE EMBASSY, HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD DO EVERYTING
POSSIBLE TO INSURE THEY BEHAVED THEMSELVES. KHUKRIT
SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD OUR FEELING ABOUT DESECRATION
OF THE FLAG AND REMOVAL OF OUR SEAL FROM THE EMBASSY
GATES AND HE WOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD
NOT BE TOLERATED.
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